

METROLINK

Route Alignment: Metrolink provides commuter rail service on a network of 512 miles with 55 stations on seven lines.

Technology: Steel wheel on steel rail.

Speed: Up to 79 mph in some segments with an average speed of 40 mph. Track and safety improvements may permit even higher speeds.

Status: Metrolink is currently working on capital improvements to improve speed and service, especially in Orange County where the daily number of trains will increase significantly. Also, Metro and Metrolink are currently working on a study of the Antelope Valley Line regarding what improvements would be necessary to greatly speed up service. The Metro Board motion that initiated this study calls for studying the other Metrolink corridors when this one is completed.

Regional Connectivity: Regional connectivity and ridership potential is high as existing stations already connect to an array of rail, airline and public transit connections and higher speeds would increase ridership that already grows on a yearly basis and offer increased attraction to the single-occupant-vehicle commuter.

Ridership: Metrolink carries an average of 42,000 passengers per day.

Funding: Incremental speed and service improvements are currently being lobbied.

Project/Alignment Duplication: Metrolink runs along AMTRAK's LOSSAN corridor; however, Amtrak largely carries inter-city passenger trips and Metrolink largely carries commuter passenger trips.

Inclusion in LRTPs/RTP: The Metrolink system is included in all relevant LRTPs and the RTP. Specific speed improvement projects will be included in the plans once they are identified and funded.

Commission/COG Support: Strong support by all commissions and COGs in our region.

Stakeholder Support/Objection: Strongly supported by all stakeholders.

Staff Recommendation: Include in Constrained Plan.

Existing Metrolink and Metrolink Express Routes

